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SUBJ: BOMB THREAT-AMCONGEN FRANKFURT

1. AT 0100 HOURS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1978, AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER (SPEAKING WITH WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A GERMAN ACCENT) TELEPHONED THE 709TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION EMERGENCY LINE (FRANKFURT MILITARY POLICE) AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: "THERE ARE TWO BOMBS SET TO GO OFF IN THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. ONE IS NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE, THE OTHER IS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING. BOTH ARE SET TO GO OFF AT 2:00 AM. THIS IS A WARNING FROM THE RED ARMY FACTION."

2. THE CALLER THEN HUNG UP. THE MILITARY POLICE DISPATCHED A VEHICLE AND TWO PATROLMEN TO THE U.S.

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CONSULATE. THEY ARRIVED AT 0108 HOURS AND ALERTED THE MSG ON DUTY TO THE THREAT. THE MSG INITIATED THE DETACHMENT BOMB ALERT REACTION PROCEDURES AND CONTACTED THE RSO. THE RACTIONARY FORCE AND RSO ARRIVED AT THE CONSULATE AT 0117 HOURS. THE MSG'S BEGAN A SHAKEDOWN OF THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING. THE RSO AND 2 MP'S BEGAN A SHAKEDOWN OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING.

NOTHING WAS FOUND. AT 0145 HOURS THE BUILDING WAS EVACUATED. THE 0200 HOURS DEADLINE TRANSPIRED WITHOUT EVENT. AT 0215 HOURS THE MSG FORCE AND RSO REENTERED THE BUILDING AND CONDUCTED A THOROUGH SHAKEDOWN, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

3. GERMAN POLICE AND FIRE UNITS WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED ON STAND-BY BECAUSE OF THE THREAT REMAINED ON AN ALERT STATUS UNTIL 0800 HOURS.

4. THE BOMB THREAT AGAINST THE CONSULATE GENERAL WAS THE SECOND THREAT CALLED INTO THE MILITARY POLICE ON AUGUST 20. EARLIER, AT ABOUT 1230 HOURS A MALE CALLER TELEPHONED THE 709TH MP EMERGENCY LINE TO REPORT THAT "A BOMB IS SET TO GO OFF IN THE 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL." THE CALLER THEN HUNG UP. A BOMB SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AT THE 97TH GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. THIS IS THE FIRST BOMB THREAT LODGED AGAINST THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN APPROX TWO YEARS. IT CAME ON THE HEELS OF SEVERAL BOMB ATTACKS AGAINST BRITISH FORCES IN THE DUSSELDORF AREA ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 18-19, 1978. POLICE SPECULATE THAT PERHAPS THE BRITISH INCIDENT GAVE RISE TO THE HOAZ CALLS. LEHMANN

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